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Klinger & Schmidt is the only firm in the GDR that produces switch and alarm relays and all its products go only to key industries. These relays require a sealed-in wire which is obtainable only from the manufacturers of vacuum fusion products, in West Germany. The yearly requirement of this wire, ferronickel alloy type 501, is 15 kilograms at 44. West marks per kilogram. Klinger & Schmidt has tried every means to obtain this wire from the contract office up to Minister Delling, with no results. As a final desperate measure the firm is requesting an audience with Walter Ulbricht.

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